The Rules of the House should be amended to ensure that the Congress is one of the safest places in America for pages and interns to work and learn. These reforms define the duties of Members and staff owed to minors temporarily employed by Congress and their parents. They will help to prevent what has happened in the House from reoccurring and will set an example for other institutions in America:

- 1. Upon receipt of credible evidence of misconduct regarding a minor, Members and staff are obligated to immediately report the nature, date and subject of the allegation to both the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.
- 2. Failure to immediately report such credible evidence shall constitute a violation of the House Rules, subjecting the Member or staff that failed to report to a letter of reprimand, censure or expulsion by action of the Standards Committee and the House.
- 3. Upon receipt of the evidence, the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Standards Committee shall open an investigation into the alleged misconduct with a minor.
- 4. The Committee shall have ten days to complete the investigation and report back to the House, with Majority and Minority views if necessary. Upon two- thirds vote, the Committee may extend the time to complete its investigation for up to 30 days.
- 5. If the Committee finds by a preponderance of the evidence that it is more likely than not that a Member or staff violated their duty to protect a minor in the temporary employ of the House, the Committee must move to reprimand, censure or expel the subject of the investigation.
- 6. The Committee's report will be a public document, printed in the record.
- 7. Upon receipt of the Committee report on the investigation, it shall be in order for any Member

of the House to offer a Privileged Motion recommending the exoneration, reprimand, censure or expulsion of any Member or staff who was the subject of a Standards Committee report under this section.

- 8. The Motion shall be immediately debatable for two hours with time to be divided between proponents and opponents of the motion.
- 9. The vote on the motion shall be recorded by electronic device.
- 10. The Page Board shall be co-chaired by retired Majority and Minority Members of Congress in good standing who have been approved by the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.